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GROUP 3700**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Examiner:

This amendment responds to the Office action mailed April 16, 2003 for the subject application, in which Claims 1-4 and 7-18 were rejected; Claims 23-26 were indicated as being withdrawn; Claims 5-6 and 19-22 were objected to; and Claims 27-32 were allowed.

By way of the present amendment, Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to clarify Applicants' invention.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested.